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**A Study of CIA Planning Procedures as  
They Affect Agency Components**

**1. General Statement.**

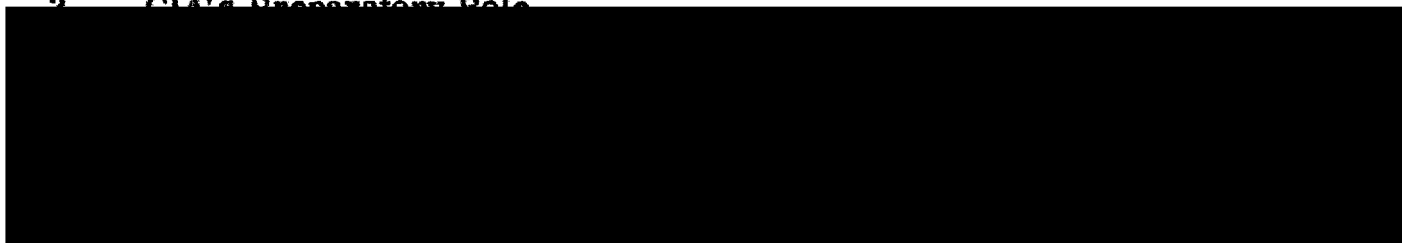
NSC 5412/2 assigns to CIA the responsibility for preparation for, and conduct of, specified types of covert operations to be undertaken in support of U.S. Armed Forces in wartime and in certain situations short of war. NSCID 5 similarly assigns to CIA the responsibility for espionage and clandestine counterintelligence operations to be conducted in support of military operations.

Unified and specified commanders are directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) to do advance planning for general war and for situations short of general war which the JCS believe may require military action on short notice. This advance planning results in the preparation of theater-level, war and contingency plans which require the preparation of support plans by subordinate commanders, i.e., Army, Navy, Air Force, and, in many cases, CIA. In lieu of a plan, the JCS and the CINCs cannot for long accept oral assurances from CIA, or any other subordinate command, that the required support will be forthcoming when needed. To a limited extent, a close relationship between the SWP and the CINC can substitute for written CIA plans. In the end, however, CIA must prepare its plans.

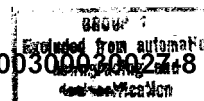
With respect to those military war and contingency plans in which CIA is called upon to support military operations, the Agency has to expect that its forces may come under the command of a military Task Force or theater commander by virtue of implementation of the Command Relationships Agreement (CRA). Whether CIA actually does become a component of the military command or whether CIA provides its support without becoming a component makes little difference as far as the need for Agency planning is concerned. The important thing is that CIA must plan for and be prepared to participate in contingency operations and in war; and this means drafting of CIA plans that can be reviewed and approved by the appropriate military commander. A chart of CIA's organization for war and contingency planning is at Tab A.

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CIA's Preparatory Role



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